

Docket No.: 60188-641 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Koichi KAWASHIMA : Confirmation Number: 1760

Serial No.: 10/653,200 : Group Art Unit:

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For: PATTERN FORMATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: